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Minutes

To: Finance and Budget Committee  
From: Shari Cantor, Chairperson  
Date: June 9, 2017  
Subject: Finance and Budget Committee Meeting

**IN ATTENDANCE: Shari Cantor, Ben Wenograd, Chris Barnes, Chris Williams, Denise Hall, Leon Davidoff (by phone), Ron van Winkle, Peter Privitera, John Phillips**

The Finance and Budget Committee met on Friday, June 9, 2017, at 8:00am, in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss:

AGENDA

1. FY2017 Budget  
The FY2017 budget is projected to finish the year with a surplus of over \$2 million.
2. Car Tax Bills  
The car tax bills will be delayed until it is clear how the state is going to adjust the required mill rate. Existing legislation requires the municipal mill rate on cars to fall to 32 mills in FY2018 but both the Governor and legislative leaders have strongly recommended that the tax be kept at 37 mills. Because of the uncertainty the town will delay the issuance of car taxes until there is more clarity but waiting to issue the bills beyond September will not be an option.
3. Bus Contract  
The Committee discussed an extension of the school bus contract for the special transportation of students that are placed in specialized education settings. The Company providing the service has agreed to significantly reduce future costs if we extend an additional five years. The administration recommended we accept this proposal as it will save \$707,000 over the contract extension. The Committee acknowledges the value of extending the contract.
4. Refuse  
The town has opened bids for garbage collection and the market was very competitive. The new contract for collection will save \$1.7 million in FY2018 alone. Because of this reduction in cost the administration recommended that the town move to weekly recycling collection. The Committee acknowledges the wisdom to this change.

5. Other Business

**No other business was conducted.**

C: Town Council

Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager

Patrick Alair, Corporation Counsel

Essie Labrot, Town Clerk

Department Directors